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# VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY, AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

ALEXANDER PURDIE, PRINTER.

*VIRGINIA.*

IN CONVENTION, Decem[illegible]8, 1775.

RESOLVED, *that the treaſurer of this colony for the time being be required to purchaſe for the publick uſe all the* good *and* merchantable GUNPOWDER *that may be imported into this colony, or manufactured here, at any time within ſix months, and allow the price of* ſix ſhillings *per pound for the ſame.*

EDMUND PENDLETON, preſident.

(*a copy*)

J. TAZEWELL, clerk of the convention.

RESOLVED, *that the venders of* SALT, *imported not contrary to the continental aſſociation, be allowed to demand and receive whatever price they can obtain for that neceſſary article.*

EDMUND PENDLETON, preſident.

(*a copy*)

J. TAZEWELL, clerk of the convention.

LONDON, *Sept.* 5.

WE are very happy in being able to give our readers, and the publick at large, ſome little account of an *aſſociation* lately eſtabliſhed, which at preſent makes a little noiſe at court; and, through an undue influence, a very *unprecedented* and *unjuſtifiable advertiſement* has appeared in many of the morning papers of yeſterday, injurious to the characters and reputation of the worthy gentlemen concerned, and tending to give the publick a very *falſe* and *unnatural conception* of the foundation of this ſociety, which briefly is this: A numerous and very reſpectable ſet of gentlemen, freeholders, citizens, and others, have formed themſelves into a ſociety called the *London Aſſociation*, in ſupport of the king; but in direct oppoſition to his miniſters, whoſe arbitrary oppreſſive meaſures are now become intolerable. They mean, like true Whigs, according to ancient uſage, to ſupport the liberties of their country, by all *legal* and *conſtitutional means*, upon a great comprehenſive ſcale; and particularly that ineſtimable liberty, the PRESS. They mean to act independently, for the good of the community at large; and are well aſſured of a national countenance and a national ſupport, as the rules of their ſociety have undergone the inſpection of learned council. By aſſociations only have the liberties of this country been preſerved, and by aſſociations only can they be maintained. In a few days, we ſhall lay before the publick the reſolutions which have actuated this laudable inſtitution.

The principles of the *aſſociation*, which is now the topick of converſation, we are aſſured, are thoſe of the true Whigs, who brought about the glorious revolution, and effected the acceſſion of the preſent illuſtrious family to the throne of theſe realms. When the whole comes to be explained, which it muſt be in a few days, we make no doubt but the members will ſtand exculpated from thoſe infamous inſinuations which have been thrown out againſt them by the miniſterial writers in the morning papers.

For the honour of the king, the preſervation of religion, and our excellent conſtitution, the revival of trade, and the glory and happineſs of the whole empire, *aſſociations* are forming in various parts of this kingdom; one is now actually formed at Newcaſtle. Theſe aſſociations are to have reciprocal communications with each other, and for that purpoſe committees of correſpondence are appointed.

We are aſſured, that a meeting of the freeholders of the county of Middleſex will be held in a few days, to take into conſideration the preſent alarming ſituation of Great Britain and its colonies. As the buſineſs is of the utmoſt conſequence, this meeting will be more numerous than ever was known on any former occaſion.

A correſpondent informs us, a report prevails that half a dozen PICKED RIFLEMEN from Virginia are ſhortly expected here *incog.* but what their *buſineſs* or commiſſion may be, he does not preſume to know.

Another correſpondent obſerves, that as the preſent unnatural civil war with the colonies is merely the *arbitrary quarrel* of the *junto*, and *in no ſenſe of the people of England*, he thinks it might be *cut ſhort* by a more conciſe and *ſummary* mode of proceeding, which, at the ſame time that the *guilty* were *puniſhed*, would ſave the farther effuſion of innocent blood.

A correſpondent remarks, that no government which is not *hoſtile to the rights* of the people need ever fear the FREEDOM of the PRESS, or of SPEECH. *Proclamations*, *informations*, and *interrogatories*, with numerous *hireling writers*, are the wicked *engines of deſpotiſm*, to compel the ſubmiſſion of ſlaves, not the approbation and reſpect of ſubjects. Tyrants ſhould recollect, that *ſatire*, *reproach*, and even *execration*, are leſs dangerous than poniards or bullets.

MR. PURDIE,

LORD Dunmore, by his proclamation of the 7th of laſt month, having aſſerted "he had ever entertained hopes "that an accommodation might have "taken place between Great Britain and this colony," to ſatisfy the publick of his lordſhip's *ſincerity*, their attention is deſired to the following examinations and ſcheme approved by his lordſhip, and calculated to involve this colony, and the reſt of the continent, in the moſt fatal calamities.

FREDERICK TOWN, MARYLAND,

*In committee chamber, Nov.* 23, 1775.

ALLEN Cameron, doctor John Smith, and John Connolly, being taken into cuſtody, were brought before the committee, and the following examinations were taken.

Allen Cameron, a native of Scotland, which he left for an affair of honour, came to Virginia with an intention to purchaſe back lands, and intended to go to Henderſon's for that purpoſe; but finding it difficult to go through the back country, encouraged by lord Dunmore, and promiſe of advancement, he agreed to accept a commiſſion as firſt lieutenant in the regiment to be raiſed by lieutenant-colonel Connolly.

Doctor John Smith, a native of Scotland, left Charles county, Maryland, for political reaſons, and intended to go to the Miſſiſſippi; but, finding it impracticable, he went to Norfolk, and being induced by lord Dunmore, with promiſes of preferment, he accepted the appointment of ſurgeon to colonel Connolly's regiment.

John Connolly, a native of Lancaſter county, Pennſylvania, admits his letter to Gibſon (copy ſhewn him.) He went the 25th July from fort Dunmore to lord Dunmore, and delivered him propoſals in ſubſtance the ſame with the one found in his poſſeſſion, and in his hand-writing; that he was ſent by lord Dunmore to general Gage with letters, and his propoſals encloſed to Gage; that he left Boſton the 14th or 15th of September, and returned to lord Dunmore in the middle of October; that he brought inſtructions from general Gage to lord Dunmore, who granted him a commiſſion of lieutenant-colonel-commandant of a regiment to be raiſed in the back parts and Canada, with power to nominate officers, which were to be commiſſioned by lord Dunmore; that he is now on his way to Detroit, where he was to meet his commiſſion and inſtructions; that he left lord Dunmore about ten days ago, who had with him two ſloops of 16 and 18 guns; that the ſhip on which lord Dunmore is aboard is armed with 6 or 8 guns; that a veſſel of 20 guns is daily expected from Jamaica; that John Smith never was appointed ſurgeon; that he told Smith, that if he was the man he repreſented himſelf to be, it was poſſible he would appoint him.

(A true copy.)

*Reſolved*, that the ſaid Allen Cameron and John Connolly be kept in cloſe and ſafe cuſtody, until the orders of the Congreſs be known; and that the chairman tranſmit copies of the examinations and papers to the Honourable the Preſident of the Congreſs, and to the Conventions or Councils of Safety of the colony of Virginia and this province,

*Reſolved*, that doctor John Smith be kept in cuſtody till the farther orders of this committee.

(A true copy from the minutes.)

*Propoſals for raiſing an army to the weſtward, and for effectually obſtructing a communication between the ſouthern and northern governments.*

AS I have, by direction from his excellency lord Dunmore, prepared the Ohio Indians to act in concert with me againſt his majeſty's enemies in that quarter, and have alſo deſpatched intelligence to the different officers of the militia on the frontiers of Auguſta county, in Virginia, giving them lord Dunmore's aſſurances, that ſuch of them as ſhall hereafter evince their loyalty to his majeſty, by put-

ting themſelves under my command when I ſhould appear amongſt them with proper authority for that purpoſe, of a confirmation of titles to their lands, and the quantity of 300 acres to all who ſhould take up arms in the ſupport of the conſtitution, when the preſent rebellion ſubſided, I will undertake to penetrate through Virginia, and join his excellency lord Dunmore at Alexandria early next ſpring, on the following conditions and authority:

1ſt. That your excellency will give me a commiſſion to act as major-commandant of ſuch troops as I may raiſe and embody on the frontiers, with a power to command to the weſtward, and employing ſuch ſerviceable French and Engliſh partiſans as I can engage by pecuniary rewards, or otherwiſe.

2dly. That your excellency will give orders to capt. Lord at the Illinois to remove himſelf with the garriſon under his command from fort Gage to Detroit, by the Ouabache, bringing with him all the artillery, ſtores, &c. &c. to facilitate which undertaking he is to have authority to hire boats, horſes, Frenchmen, Indians, &c. &c. to proceed with all poſſible expedition on that route, as the weather may occaſionally permit, and to put himſelf under my command on his arrival at Detroit.

3dly. That the commiſſary at Detroit ſhall be empowered to furniſh ſuch proviſions as I may judge neceſſary for the good of the ſervice, and that the commanding-officer ſhall be inſtructed to give every poſſible aſſiſtance in encouraging the French and Indians of that ſettlement to join me.

4thly. That an officer of artillery be immediately ſent with me to purſue ſuch route as I may find moſt expedient to gain Detroit, with orders to have ſuch pieces of light ordnance as may be thought requiſite for the demoliſhing of fort Dunmore and fort Fincaſtle, if reſiſtance ſhould be made by the rebels in poſſeſſion of thoſe garriſons.

5thly. That your excellency will empower me to make ſuch reaſonable preſents to the Indian chiefs, and others, as may urge them to act with vigour in the execution of my orders.

6thly. That your excellency will ſend to lord Dunmore ſuch arms as may be ſpared, in order to equip ſuch perſons as may be willing to ſerve his majeſty at our junction, in the vicinity of Alexandria, &c. &c. If your excellency judges it expedient for the good of the ſervice to furniſh me with the authority, and other requiſites I have mentioned, I ſhall embrace the earlieſt opportunity of ſetting off for Canada, and ſhall immediately deſpatch lord Dunmore's armed ſchooner (which now awaits my commands) with an account of what your excellency has done, and that I ſhall be ready (if practicable) to join his lordſhip by the 20th of April at Alexandria, where the troops under my command may fortify themſelves, under the cover of the men of war on that ſtation.

If, on the contrary, your excellency ſhould not approve of what I propoſe, you will be good enough to immediately honour me with your deſpatches to the earl of Dunmore, that I may return as early as poſſible.

(A true copy.)

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THE following extracts of letters, lately intercepted, will ſhow the diſpoſition of many of the Tories of Norfolk, and other places, who, notwithſtanding their voluntary aſſent to the continental aſſociation, and ſolemn promiſes to keep the ſame inviolate, have, with unexampled perfidy, taken every meaſure to defeat the good purpoſes thereby intended; not only by commiſſioning large cargoes of goods from Great Britain, and promiſing their correſpondents the utmoſt certainty of their being imported under protection of the king's ſhips, but uſing every argument, contrary to their avowed neutrality, to inflame the minds of our fellow-ſubjects *there*, and induce them to make vigorous efforts for the reduction of the American rebels, as they are pleaſed to term the coloniſts

If farther proofs of their inimical diſpoſition were requiſite, there needs but to refer to many more of their letters, in which they glory in having taken up arms under lord Dunmore, againſt a country which has ſupported and protected them. This unparalleled ingratitude may in ſome meaſure be accounted for, from the great temptation thrown out to them by their correſpondents of North Britain, who give them the ſtrongeſt aſſurances that the eſtates of this colony will be confiſcated and ſold by commiſſioners. Indeed one of them has anticipated this event, ſo far as to have formed a plan of retirement, on ſome vacant ſpot in this country, near to *his Tory friends*. Surely this will animate us to defend that property which our enemies ſo ardently wiſh for!

*From* Robert Shedden *of* Portſmouth *to* J. Shedden *of* Glaſgow, *dated* November 20*th*.

He introduces this letter by wiſhing it had been ſent ſooner, "as many people "*has* had their eyes opened, and will "write now by this ſloop for goods." Then follows an account of the governour's expedition to Kemp's, and defeat of the militia there, with a relation of what followed on his return, his ſetting up the ſtandard, &c. He then adds: "Since "that, the whole counties of Norfolk "and Princeſs Anne, to a man, *has* come "in to the ſtandard, which is now erected "in Norfolk, and taken the oaths of "allegiance to his majeſty; a few indivi"duals excepted, which the governour "would not allow, in order to make ſome "examples of ſome of the leading men. "Before Saturday night, I think govern"ment will have ſuch a party here as the "ſhirtmen dare not face, &c. George "Blair made a captain. John Brown, "one of the volunteers, upon the ſtrength "of being protected, has begun to load "his ſchooner with ſtaves for Jamaica."

"Depend upon it, you will never have "ſuch another opportunity to make mo"ney by dry-goods in this country. Oſ"nabrugs, canvaſs, &c. and every neceſ"ſary article, a large and full aſſortment "of goods, nails, &c. bring as many "as you can get credit for. If Gibſon's "ſloop is at Glaſgow, I would with *him* "loaded alſo. If you bring 20,000l. in "goods, they will ſell to advantage, &c."

(*The remainder in our next*)

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WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 22.

*Extracts of letters from* col. Woodford, *to the Hon.* Edmund Pendleton, *eſq; Preſident of the Convention.* Norfolk, *Dec.* 17, 1775.

YOUR favour of the 14th came ſafe to hand laſt night, and I ſhould eſteem myſelf wanting in duty and reſpect to your honourable body if I did not take the earlieſt opportunity to expreſs the high ſenſe I have of the great honour done me by your reſolution of the 13th inſtant, and to aſſure the Convention that I conſider my country's approbation of my conduct a ſufficient reward for any ſervices I may be thought to render at this alarming criſis.

I had taken the liberty to afford that protection and aſſiſtance to the diſtreſſed Highlanders which I find is the will of the Convention, and col. Howe and myſelf will pay due regard to your directions reſpecting thoſe that remain ſtill in this town. Their veſſel being detained, and their diſtreſſed wives and little ones left to ſtarve in a ſtrange country, is a freſh inſtance of the inhumanity of a certain *lord*.

Your orders reſpecting the Tories, and negro priſoners, ſhall be complied with. We have upwards of 100 of them now in our guards. Capt. Squire ſent us yeſterday the following ticket: "Capt Squire's "compliments to colo. Howe and Wood"ford, and will be glad to know if they "mean to prevent the navy and army "from being ſupplied with proviſions and "water." To which we returned this anſwer: "Col. Howe and col. Wood"ford's compliments to capt. Squire, "and return him for anſwer to his meſ"ſage, that as his majeſty's troops and "ſhips of war have long ſince committed "hoſtilities upon the perſons and proper"ty of the good people of this colony, "and have actually taken and impriſoned "ſeveral private gentlemen, and others, "who did not bear arms at the time, "our expreſs orders are, to prevent, "to the utmoſt of our power, any com"munication whatever between the ſaid "troops and ſhips of war and this town, "or any part of this colony."

In the afternoon the two ſhips of war and tenders got under ſail, and fell down towards the enemy. They gave a ſignal for a ſnow, with 400 barrels of ſalt, to follow; but ſhe not being ſo quick as they expected, our guard directed her to continue. The Kingfiſher ſent a boat, with about 15 hands, to bring her off; but our officer hailed her when within gunſhot, and told her he would fire if ſhe did not return. She took his advice, and put about to the man of war. On board the ſnow was mr. Gary Nicholl, with all his official papers, which we have in poſſeſſion, likewiſe the veſſel moored to the wharf, and intend landing the ſalt ſo ſoon as a proper houſe can be got within our guards. That gentleman has made many profeſſions of his innocence, and has prevailed upon col. Howe and myſelf to take his parole of honour for his appearance before the Convention, for which he ſets off to-morrow.

Twenty odd pieces of cannon were left by the enemy, but ſpiked and diſmantled.

NORFOLK, *Dec.* 19, 1775.

Yeſterday the two men of war, and a large ſloop, ſtood up to their former ſtation, and ſent a flag of truce with the following meſſage: "Capt. Squire's compli"ments to cols. Howe and Woodford, "acquaint them that the brig laden with "ſalt, along ſide the wharf, is a prize "belonging to the king, and taken by the "Otter. Capt. Squire requeſts ſhe may "be immediately delivered up, and pro"poſes ſending a boat to take her away. "Should any ſhot be fired at the people, "he will moſt aſſuredly fire on the "town." To which we returned this anſwer: "Col. Howe and col. Wood"ford's compliments to capt Squire, and "return him for anſwer, that the brig in "queſtion fell into our hands the other "night, and we ſhall give orders to fire "upon any boat that attempts to take "her away." They have never yet made the attempt, and our parties are ready to oppoſe the taking the veſſel

Our out-ſcouts inform, that a 36 gun frigate, with a brig, are below this, at the Pleaſure Houſe. She is ſuppoſed to be the Liverpool frigate, with a boreſhip. We have parties watching her motions.

*Extract of a letter from col. Howe to the Hon. the Preſident of the Convention.*

"We have ſcouting parties down the bay, to give intelligence of the arrival of any veſſels, or any other event, that may be to our advantage or otherwiſe. From the officers commanding theſe parties, we have received certain intelligence that a man of war, either of 36 or 40 guns, is within the bay, and ſhe has ſent a boat to this place, with a large barge in company, and a boreſhip, both full of men, which may probably give us [illegible] and I hope we may excel in [illegible]

northern poſt arrived, by wi
a[d]vices to the fo[l]lo[w]ing purport, not having room to inſert them at large.---That 1600 of the continental army, in the evening of the 6th ult. broke ground on Cobble hill, within about half a mile in a direct line from the enemy's encampment on Banker's hill, and their ſhipping at Weſt Boſton, notwithſtanding which a cannon had not been fired at them; and that our troops are now well ſecured in that advanced poſt, where they have planted a number of heavy cannon, 18- and 24 pounders, with which they can annoy the enemy's ſhipping at and above Charleſtown ferry, and, at a proper time, cannonade the moſt compact part of the town of Boſton. From this movement of our army, an attack upon Boſton is apprehended, from which place it were to be wiſhed all but the Tories were out.---That general Howe had ſent out of Boſton 300 poor (men, women, and children) without any thing to ſubſiſt on, at this inclement ſeaſon, and landed them about 20 miles from Cambridge; that general Waſhington, with his uſual humanity, immediately ordered proviſions to be ſent to them, and that the General Aſſembly had appointed a committee to take care of thoſe diſtreſſed people; that three of them, notwithſtanding, had periſhed on the beach, and the reſt were in a deplorable ſituation.---That only ſix cattle were left in Boſton to kill, and other freſh proviſions exceedingly ſcarce, which the ſoldiery always ſecure for themſelves, leaving the poor inhabitants in a ſtarving condition.---That one of the provincial armed veſſels had taken, and brought into Cape Anne, a ſtoreſhip bound to Boſton, having on board 2500 ſtand of arms, 3 tuns of cartridges, two 18 and two 24 pounders of braſs, one 13 inch mortar, ſome ſmaller matters, &c. the whole valued at 30,000l. ſterling; a moſt ſuitable cargo for our preſent occaſion, and which general Waſhington, when the poſt left Cambridge, had ſent waggons for, to bring to the camp.---That one of the people ſent out of Boſton, by general Howe, ſays, the number of regulars in that town conſiſts of 7000, many of whom are ſick; and that the whole garriſon, not long before he left it, was for a week under arms, in expectation of being attacked by our army, having learned, by deſerters, that the generals intended it; likewiſe, that general Burgoyne's baggage was put on board the Boyne man of war of 70 guns, which was to ſail for England in a few days, with the general himſelf.---That governour Tryon has procured the king's leave to return home, which he had ſignified, by a meſſage, to the people of his government; and ſays he ſhall be obliged to avail himſelf of that indulgence, if he is excluded from every hope of being any ways inſtrumental towards the re-eſtabliſhment of that harmony at preſent interrupted between Great Britain and her colonies. He mentions the reſolution of the Houſe of Commons (lord North's *olive branch*) that was intended for the baſis of an accommodation; and, if candidly conſidered, he ſays, might yet be improved for the purpoſes of reſtoring the general tranquillity, and ſecurity of the whole empire. He wiſhes ſome meaſures may be ſpeedily adopted for this purpoſe, and declares he owes it to his affection for his government that he has publickly ſignified theſe matters to its inhabitants.--That the General Aſſembly of Rhode Iſland had paſſed an act for ſequeſtering the eſtates of governour Hutchinſon, and other avowed enemies to America.---General Montgomery writes to general Schuyler, from Montreal, of the 17th ult. that he hopes ſoon to give the final blow to miniſterial politicks in Canada; that governour Carleton, and his 11 ſail, with which he eſcaped from Montreal, had not able to paſs col. Faſtor
ſted at the river Sorel to intercept him, and who had forced him twice to weigh anchor and remove higher up the river; and that he himſelf was uſing all deſpatch to attack him on his ſide, with field artillery mounted in batteaus.---General Schuyler writes to the Congreſs, from Ticonderoga, of the 22d ult. that, from Carleton's not being able to reach Quebeck before col. Arnold, he is convinced our troops are now in poſſeſſion of that capital. Col. Arnold's difficult and fatiguing march, he ſays, does him great honour, and that ſome future hiſtorian will make it a ſubject of admiration to his readers.---Col. Arnold writes from his camp, about two leagues and a half from Point Levy, of the 8th ult. to general Montgomery, that the enemy at Quebeck, amounting to about 300 men, including the inhabitants who had been obliged to take up arms, had deſtroyed all the canoes at Point Levy, to prevent his paſſing, which difficulty he hopes to be able to ſurmount by birch canoes, as he had then about 20, with 40 ſavages that had joined him, who profeſs great friendſhip, as well as the Canadians, by whom he had been kindly received, and will be able to furniſh him with a number of canoes; that the French and Engliſh inhabitants in Quebeck, he learned, by a friend from that city, were generally on our ſide, and that the place was ſhort of proviſions; that he ſhall endeavour to cut off their communication with the country, and does not doubt of being able to bring them to terms ſoon, eſpecially if he (general Montgomery) can ſpare him a ſmall reinforcement. Of the 14th of the ſame month, he writes, that the wind having been high for three nights, had prevented his paſſing the river; but that, it being then moderated, and having near 40 canoes ready, he ſhould croſs that evening, although two frigates lay oppoſite to prevent him.------Several nations of the Weſtern Indians have offered 3000 men to join the American forces, whenever called upon, which authentick intelligence the Continental Congreſs have communicated to his excellency general Waſhington; whom GOD proſper, in all his operations againſt our cruel and inveterate foes.

Laſt night col. Henry received an expreſs from Hampton, with the agreeable intelligence that capt. Barron, in a ſmall pilot boat which he had fitted out, has taken and brought in there two veſſels with SALT to the amount of 4600 buſhels; that he had likewiſe taken a veſſel going to the Eaſtern Shore for proviſions for the miniſterial gentry that have lately been expelled from Norfolk, which had on board 15 blacks commanded by capt. Collett; and, when the expreſs left Hampton, was in purſuit of another craft, ſuppoſed to be a tender. The Liverpool frigate, gone up to Norfolk, mounts 28 guns; and the brig with her is a ſtoreſhip, laden with arms and ammunition. Between them, they have 400 men on board, none of them ſoldiers except the uſual complement of marines. This late acquiſition of ſtrength has much elated lord Dunmore and his party, we hear; and Norfolk, Hampton, and all the river ſettlements, are threatened with fire and ſword.

*Deaths.*] Mrs. ANNE DIGGES, of York county, in the 56th year of her age.

At Ware glebe, in the county of Glouceſter, mrs. ALICE FONTAINE, wife of the rev. James Maury Fontaine. She was pious, grateful, ſincere, affectionate, diſcreet.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

I *INTEND to leave the colony in a ſhort time, and to return next ſummer.*

*JAMES MILLER.*

VICE, *December* 22, 1775.

PURSUANT to an act of General Aſſembly, and a reſolution of Convention, I have appointed mr. *Bartholomew Dandridge* to aſſiſt in ſigning and mr. *William Roſe* in filling up and numbering the treaſury notes.

RO. C. NICHOLAS, treaſurer.

*To be rented for two years, to the higheſt bidder the firſt day of* January *next,*

THE ordinary lately occupied by mr. *Iſham Allen*, belonging to the eſtate of *Samuel Aſhley*, deceaſed, about ſix miles from *Williamsburg*, on the main road leading to *Hanover*.

ROBERT C. WARREN, exec.

To be *SOLD*, on *Wedneſday* the 3d of *January* next, at the dwelling-houſe of the late mr. *John Prentis*,

ALL *the houſehold and kitchen furniture, alſo ſeveral valuable ſlaves, chiefly houſe ſervants, among which is a very good cook; and on the* Saturday *following, at his plantation in* James City *county, the ſtock of cattle, corn, fodder, &c. Six months credit will be allowed for all ſums above* 5l. *on giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to*

*The EXECUTORS.*

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THE *ſurviving partners of mr.* John Prentis, *late manager of the trade under the firm of himſelf and co. earneſtly requeſt all perſons indebted to the ſaid partnerſhip to pay their reſpective balances to mr.* Robert Prentis, *the preſent manager; and ſuch who cannot poſſibly comply therewith will think it but reaſonable to cloſe their accounts, by giving bond and ſecurity to*

*ROBERT PRENTIS, & co.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 22, 1775.

TAKEN *out of the mathematical room at the college, ſome day this week, in the morning, a large blue cloak of Bath coating. The ſaid cloak was marked on the hinder part, under the cape, thus,* T. L. L. *the firſt two letters in a piece. This will enable the perſon who may have taken it for his own to diſcover his miſtake, and to return it to the owner, who lodges at mrs.* VOBE's. *If required, ten ſhillings will be given to the perſon who produces it, and no queſtions aſked.*

To be *SOLD*, on *Thurſday* the 1ſt of *February*, at the town of *Mancheſter*, commonly called *Rocky Ridge*,

ABOUT 100 Virginia *born NEGROES, among whom are ſome female houſe ſervants, a carpenter, and ſhoemaker. Twelve months credit will be given, and bond with good ſecurity required of the purchaſers, by*

4‖ *DAVID MEADE.*

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber's paſture, near *Williamsburg*, a *light bay mare*, 3 years old next ſpring, about 4 feet 4 inches high, has a ſtar in her forehead a little larger than a dollar, both hind feet white, a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, and paces naturally. Whoever brings her to me, in *Williamsburg*, ſhall have 20s.

GABRIEL MAUPIN.

*N. B.* I will not be anſwerable for any horſes that may get away for the future.

STRAYED or ſtolen from *Williamſburg*, about 5 weeks paſt, a middle-ſized gray horſe belonging to mr. *John Taylor*, quarter-maſter of the ſecond regiment. He paces ſlow, trots and gallops well, and is branded on the near buttock E. P. Whoever brings him to my houſe in *Caroline*, or to capt. *Robert Anderſon* in *Williamſburg*, ſhall be liberally rewarded.

EDMUND PENDLETON.

*Dec.* 23, 1775.

HANOVER county, *Dec.* 7, 1775.

THE ſubſcriber gave two bonds, payable to *William Garret* of *Louiſa* county, for a piece of land lying in the county of *Spotſylvania*, on *Pigeon* run, one of ſaid bonds payable in *May* next, the other in *May* 1777, each for the ſum of 29l. 7s. 6d. but as I underſtand the land is in diſpute, and the right yet undetermined, I am reſolved not to pay the bonds till a good right can be made, and hereby forewarn all perſons from taking aſſignment of them.

(2‖) JOHN CRAWFORD.

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ON the 3d day of *January* 1776 will be hired for one year, to the higheſt bidders, at *Charles City* courthouſe, the NEGROES belonging to the eſtate of *Francis Dancy*, ſon of *Edward Dancy*; and, at the ſame time, will be rented for a year, or term of years, the tract of land known by the name of CLAY POINT. Bond and good ſecurity will be required, by

JAMES HALL, jun.

*** All perſons indebted to the ſaid eſtate are deſired to attend on the day above-mentioned, to ſettle their reſpective balances.

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*TO BE SOLD,*

A TRACT of land in *Albemarle* county, on *Mitchems* river, near *Rockfiſh*, containing 228 acres, whereon is a very good griſt mill, alſo a fulling mill, with all tools and conveniencies to carry on the fulling trade. There is a very plantation, upon which is a dwelling-houſe 50 feet long ceiled with plank, very neat, an eight foot ſhed, a good cellar, a barn 52 feet long and 22 wide, a very good ſhop, wherein is a loom and tacklings, all convenient outhouſes, an orchard of 150 bearing apple trees. The land is exceedingly fine, being chiefly low grounds; and I will take one half the value of it money in negroes. Any perſon inclining to purchaſe may know the terms by applying to me living on the premiſes, on the *Auguſta* road, 14 miles above the town of *Charlotteſville*. SAMUEL STOCKTON.

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FALMOUTH, *Dec.* 4, 1775.

THE ſubſcriber intends leaving the colony early next ſpring. As there are many accounts yet unſettled on the ſtore books which were kept by him at this place, on account of meſſ. *William Cuninghame* and co. merchants in *Glaſgow*, and which he gave up to mr. *Walter Colquhoun* on the firſt of *September* 1774, he deſires all perſons in that manner indebted to apply as ſoon as they can and have their balances aſcertained, by bond or otherwiſe, as may be required. This will prevent any diſpute that might ariſe with mr. *Colquhoun* in the collection, and is a piece of juſtice due by the debtors for the credit allowed to them. JAMES ROBISON.

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MEDICINES of all kinds to be ſold by the ſubſcriber, living in *Charlotteſville*, for caſh only.

GEORGE GILMER.

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*To be SOLD at the plantation of* Stith Gregory, *deceaſed, on* Thurſday *the* 4th *of* January,

FOUR very likely NEGROES, his ſtock of all kinds, a great variety of valuable houſehold and kitchen furniture, and about 50 barrels of corn, fodder, *&c.* I ſhould be glad to ſee all his creditors at the day of ſale, with their accounts properly ſtated. There muſt be raiſed from the eſtate, on the day of ſale, 75l. caſh; after which credit will be allowed for all ſums above 50s. till *January* 4th, 1775. Bond and ſecurity will be required, to carry intereſt from the date, if not paid off the day they become due. Five per cent. diſcount for ready money, over 50s.

WILLIAM GREGORY, executor.

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SUFFOLK, *December* 6, 1775.

I INTEND to leave the colony ſoon, and to return in a few months.

SAMUEL DONALDSON.

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*To be SOLD under a power of attorney from Mr.* John Baylor,

ABOUT 1000 acres of land in the county of *Orange*, to be laid off on the upper part of a tract whereon *John Hawkins* lives. The land in general is very good, and contains a conſiderable quantity of valuable low ground. The terms may be known by applying to mr. *James Newman*, near the premiſes, or to the ſubſcriber, in the county of *Caroline*. (tf)

EDMUND PENDLETON. jun.

*N. B.* I am alſo empowered to receive and pay mr. *Baylor's* debts, but I am apprehenſive it will not be in my power to do either, and therefore hope his creditors will not be impatient or uneaſy.

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*For SALE,*

MY plantation on *Appamattox* river, near *Peterſburg*, which is a very pleaſant and agreeable ſituation, and the land as good (if not better) than any in the neighbourhood. The improvements are, a brick dwelling-houſe 40 by 20 feet, with kitchen, quarters, ſtable, barns, and all other convenient outhouſes, beſides orchards, *&c.*---Alſo a well improved lot in the town of *Blandford*, whereon an ordinary has been kept for ſeveral years paſt, that has never rented for leſs than 75l. per annum. I think it needleſs to mention the improvements, as the price they have rented for will ſhow they are good, and that there is plenty of them, with as good water on the lot as any in the colony. The terms may be known by applying to the ſubſcriber, on the premiſes.

JOHN BUTLER.

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*To be SOLD before the* Rawleigh *door in* Williamſburg, *the* 8*th day of* January *next, for ready money,*

FIVE *Virginia* born SLAVES, *viz.* a ſtout negro fellow about 35 years old, a negro man and his wife about 25 years old each, and two of their children (boys) the one about 8, the other 3 years old; a genteel and faſhionable mohogany bedſtead complete; a one-horſe chair, made by mr. *Deane* laſt ſummer, with a top over it, which will carry double, and is very little worſe for uſe; a good tumbler, the wheels tired, and was made a few months ago; alſo a new COPPER BOILER, that will hold 150 gallons, with ſeveral other articles. The ſale will begin about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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TAKEN up in *Halifax*, *a black horſe* about 6 years old, 4 feet 4 inches and a half high, a blaze in his face, his near fore foot white, a hanging mane and ſhort ſwitch tail, paces naturally, has a bell on, a hole a little above the off noſtril, which appears to be the bite of a dog, and is branded on the near ſhoulder H. Poſted, and appraiſed to 8l.

NATHANIEL BARKSDILL.

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TAKEN up in *Charlotte*, a *bay horſe* about 7 years old, 4 feet 7 inches high, a ſtar in his forehead, ſnip on his noſe, one hind foot white, has a ſmall bell on, has one glaſs eye, and branded on the off buttock with a blotch. Poſted, and appraiſed to 15l.

‖ SARAH GROSSE.

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TAKEN up in *Halifax*, a *red pied cow* and *yearling*. The cow has been a ſtray in the neighbourhood two or three years, is about 4 years old, 3 feet and a half high, and marked with a crop in each ear. The yearling is cut, but not marked. Poſted, and appraiſed to 55s.

GEORGE RIDLEY.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 6, 1775.

ALL perſons indebted to the eſtate of the late mr. *Elkanah Deane*, deceaſed, are deſired to make immediate payment to mr. *John Tazewell*, whom I have authoriſed and appointed to receive the ſame.

ELIZABETH DEANE.

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FREDERICKSBURG, *Dec.* 5, 1775.

I INTEND to leave the colony early in the ſpring, and therefore earneſtly requeſt thoſe who have had dealings with me, and whoſe accounts are ſtill uncloſed, to come and ſettle them. Mr. *James Freeland* will tranſact buſineſs for me till I return. HENRY MITCHELL.

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COMMITTED to the jail of *Charles City*, ſome time in *November* laſt, a young negro fellow named ISHAM, who ſays he belongs to the eſtate of *Robert Gray* of *North Carolina*, in *Halifax* county. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

WILLIAM GREGORY, ſheriff.

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*To be* SOLD *in* Amherſt *county*,

FOUR THOUSAND acres of exceeding good tobacco LAND, being part of a large tract formerly advertiſed, together with a very valuable griſtmill, upon *Buffalo* river. This land is equal to any that has yet been ſold of the tract. The time of payment will be made agreeable to purchaſers. Mr. *Gabriel Penn*, who lives near the land, is authoriſed to bargain for it, and will ſhow it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

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*To be SOLD,*

TWO lots lying on the main ſtreet in the town of *Fredericksburg*, on which is a large dwelling-houſe, and all other neceſſary houſes for a family, alſo a large new granary. Long credit may be had, if required, on giving bond and approved ſecurity to the ſubſcriber, living in *Orange* county. JAMES ROBB.

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*For SALE,*

A TRACT of good tobacco or grain land, in the lower end of Louiſa county, containing 275 acres, with a tolerable good dwelling-houſe, kitchen, ſmokehouſe, dairy, and other outhouſes, a good ſtorehouſe, with counting room, *&c.* The plantation is in good order for working 5 or 6 hands. For terms apply to mr. *David Anderſon*, jun. near the premiſes.

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NORTHUMBERLAND, *October* 20, 1775.

RUN AWAY from the ſubſcriber, a negro man named *BEN*, about 25 years old, is very black, middle ſized, has a ſcar over one of his eyes, occaſioned by a burn when young, and had on when he went away (which is about three months ago) ſuch clothes as negroes commonly wear in ſummer. He is a pretty good ſawer, and can do a little at the carpenters work. I will give 5l. reward to any perſon who will deliver him to me, if taken in *Virginia*, if in *Maryland* or *Carolina*, 10l. I ſuſpect ſome perſon has forged a paſs for him, that he may travel as a freeman.

7‖ JOHN GORDON.

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YORK TOWN, *September* 19, 1775.

RUN away from col. *Philip Rootes*, of *King & Queen*, a negro man named HARRY, who ſome years ago was mortgaged to the hon. *William Nelſon*. It is with good reaſon ſuſpected that he is lurking about *Weſt Point*, and that he is harboured by ſome of col. *Thomas Moore's* negroes. Whoever ſecures and delivers the ſaid negro, either to col. *Rootes* or to one of us, ſhall have 40s. reward.

(tf) THE EXECUTORS.

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